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29 March 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John L. Helgerson  
Director, Office of Congressional Affairs

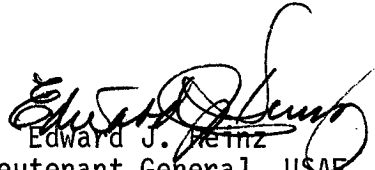
FROM: Lieutenant General Edward J. Heinz, USAF  
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: Senator Helms' Request for Information (U)

REFERENCE: Memorandum for National Foreign Intelligence Program  
Managers, dated 2 March 1988, Subject: Senator Helms'  
Request for Information, ICS 4709-88

Attached are responses from the National Foreign Intelligence Program Managers for information regarding the inquiries contained in Senator Helms' letter of 17 February 1988. They are provided to you for inclusion in the DCI's letter to Senator Helms. Provided at Tab E is a suggested paragraph from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in your response, which explains that the FBI is responding separately to Senator Helms' query. It should be noted that the response from the National Reconnaissance Office (Tab K) is to be handled via the BYEMAN control system and, therefore, should be forwarded separately to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for reading and secure storage.

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Edward J. Heinz  
Lieutenant General, USAF

Attachments (11):

- Tab A - DIA Response
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We understand that you have directed a separate but similar letter to Director Sessions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Therefore, although the FBI's Foreign Counterintelligence Program falls within my purview as part of the National Foreign Intelligence Program, I refer you to Director Sessions' response.

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(S) NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

11 March 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

SUBJECT: Senator Helms' Request for Information (Your memo, 2 Mar 88,  
BYE 1489-88)

The following responds to the questions posed by Senator Helms:

a. The NRO has no personnel in contact with Panamanian government or military officials.

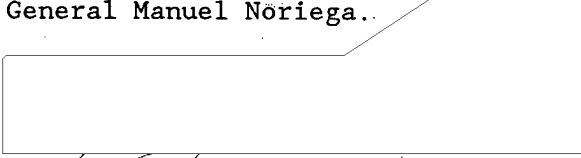
b. The NRO does maintain commercial/official publications which contain bibliographies of members of Congress. These are:

(1) Congressional Yellow Book Politics in America, 100th Congress.

(2) Air Force Legislative Liaison Book, containing bibliographies of members of the six (6) intelligence oversight committees.

c. The NRO does maintain listings of the security access status held by various staff employees of the committees having cognizance over the National Foreign Intelligence Program. These are listings of accesses only. We maintain no security/sensitive background information on any congressional personnel whatsoever.

The NRO has not furnished verbal or written information, officially or unofficially, on members of Congress or their staffs to any official of a foreign government, and specifically to the government of Panama or the Panama Defense Forces under General Manuel Noriega.

  
E. C. Aldridge, Jr.

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-

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15 MAR 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

SUBJECT: Senator Helms' Request for Information

Reference: Your memorandum, ICS 4709-88, 2 March 1988, subject as above.

Appropriate elements within the Defense Intelligence Agency were queried concerning the maintenance and dissemination of information on Members of Congress or their staffs. The responses confirm that no improper maintenance or dissemination of this type of information has occurred. Particularly, no improper information has been furnished to the government of Panama or to the Panama Defense Forces under General Noriega.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leonard H. Perroots", is positioned above the typed name.

LEONARD H. PERROOTS  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Director



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20350-2000

IN REPLY REFER TO  
Ser 092/8U528146  
17 March 1988

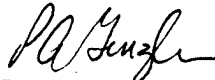
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

Subj: SENATOR HELMS' REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Ref: (a) Your memo ICS 4709-88 of 2 Mar 88  
(b) Phoncon LCDR Genzler OP-092J  ICS of 14 Mar 88

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1. In response to Sen. Helms' questions forwarded in reference (a), the Naval Intelligence community has not furnished to the Panamanian government, nor do we maintain, any information on members of Congress. This negative response is submitted on behalf of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Naval Intelligence Command, Naval Security Group Command and the counterintelligence components of Naval Security and Investigative Command.
2. This memorandum confirms the negative response telephonically transmitted in reference (b).

  
P.A. Genzler  
By direction

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## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 14, 1988

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Legislative Liaison Office  
Intelligence Community Staff  
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear [Redacted]

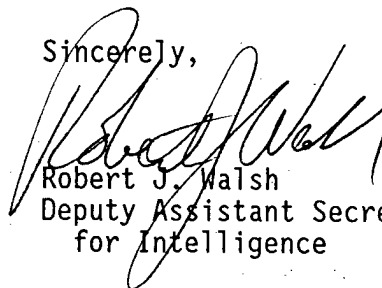
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In response to General Heinz' March 2, 1988, inquiry regarding Senator Helm's request for information, the following is provided:

A copy of the 1987 Congressional Staff Directory (Charles B. Brownson, Editor) is currently maintained in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intelligence. This directory is distributed to Department of Energy organizational elements for reference purposes and for routine dealings with members of Congress and their staffs.

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intelligence has no record of ever providing verbal or written information officially or unofficially on members of Congress or their staffs to any official of a foreign government.

Sincerely,

  
Robert J. Walsh  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Intelligence



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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: IC Staff Legislative Liaison Office  
SUBJECT: Senator Helms' Request for Information

Reference: ICS 4709-88

This memorandum is in response to your request for information regarding the inquiries made recently by Senator Jesse Helms.

With regard to the questions posed in the Helms letter, specifically in the first full paragraph of page two of the letter, it is asked whether, inter alia, the Treasury Department has "ever maintained information -- including biographies, reports of activities, summaries of political philosophy, or other information -- on Members of Congress or their staffs?"

In response to those queries, the following information, with regard to the Department of the Treasury, is relevant: as an executive branch department, with wide-ranging authorities and responsibilities in a host of areas including tax, budget, finance, and enforcement, Treasury maintains close and continuing relationships with Members of Congress, Congressional staff, and Congressional Committees. The routine and normal course of business in the conduct of those relationships necessitates frequent and continuing contact between the various components of the Department and their Congressional counterparts. This contact would result, obviously, in the compilation and maintenance of various files for the purpose of keeping records of correspondence, Congressional requests, and the like. All Treasury entities engaging in contact with the Congress can be expected to have such records; an exact accounting of all such "reports of activities" or "other information" is clearly not feasible.

As for the maintenance of biographies, many Treasury offices, including my own, have copies of publicly available volumes such as Congressional Directory (U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1985-1986), and Congressional Staff Directory (Congressional Staff Directory Ltd., Mount Vernon, VA, 1985).

With regard to the series of questions contained in the second full paragraph of the Helms letter, the Department of the Treasury has engaged in none of the activities about which the Senator inquires.

Randall M. Fort  
Special Assistant to the Secretary  
(National Security)

**NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

11 March 88

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TO:

Intelligence Community Staff  
Washington, D.C. 20505

SUBJECT: Response to Request from Sen. Helms

1. As we discussed on the phone on Friday, our responses to the questions posed in Senator Helms' 17 Feb. letter to the DCI are all negative except for the one about maintaining information on Members of Congress or their staffs.

2. Several offices at NSA--the Legislative Affairs Office and the Office of General Counsel, for example--have purchased commercially available directories of Members of Congress and personal and committee staffs. Examples are "Politics in America," from Congressional Quarterly; "The Congressional Staff Directory," published by Congressional Staff Directory, Ltd.; and "The Congressional Yellow Book," published by Monitor Publishing. We also hold biographies of committee staffers with whom we deal which they have provided to us.

3. I hope this takes care of it; please let me know if anything else is needed.

Legislative Staff Officer

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1988

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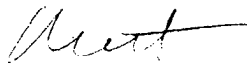
MEMORANDUM TO: LTG Edward J. Heinz  
Director  
Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: Senator Helms' Request for Information

REF: (A) Your memorandum of March 2, same subject;  
(B) State memorandum to you, March 8, same subject

You have asked INR to respond to the questions in Senator Helms' letter relating to the allegation by Mr. Jose Blandon in testimony to the Congress that the CIA and NSC have maintained and furnished to Panamanian officials information on certain members of Congress and their staffs.

The only information maintained by INR on members of Congress and their staffs consists of published compilations on Congress such as the official Congressional Directory. INR has no classified or restricted information on Congress nor has it passed any information on Congress, verbally or written, to officials of any foreign government including the Government of Panama and the Panamanian Defense Forces under General Manuel Noriega.

  
Morton I. Abramowitz

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Enclosed is an unclassified response to the letter from Sen. Helms which you and I have discussed on several occasions. The draft has been reviewed by both the DCI and DDCI as well as the DDO. I believe it can now be put in final form for Judge Webster's signature. However, you may wish to add a sentence or two explaining why this letter pertains only to CIA's investigation rather than investigations which have been conducted across the Community.

I think a copy of this response to Sen. Helms' letter should go to the SSCI as well, and perhaps the HPSCI.

Please let me have a copy for the IG's file.

[Redacted]  
William F. Donnelly



Draft Response to Senator Helms

This is in response to your letter of 17 February 1988 regarding the allegations made by Mr. Jose Bandon that CIA has maintained and/or furnished to certain Panamanian officials, information on members of Congress and their staffs. The CIA Inspector General (IG) has conducted an Agency-wide fact finding investigation and has found no evidence to support Mr. Bandon's statement. The following steps were taken:

Immediately after learning of Mr. Bandon's accusations, an investigation was initiated to determine if such information was ever passed to Panamanian officials in any form - written or oral. It was determined that contact with General Noriega and his immediate office was limited to a very few CIA personnel. All of these persons were interviewed, either directly in Washington or by official correspondence to the field. All confirmed in writing that they did not pass such information and were not aware of such information being passed.

In addition, it was determined that strict procedures were followed for passage of information to General Noriega or other Panamanian officials.. These procedures included carefully kept logs of all written material. The complete logs dating back through 1984 have been checked with negative results. It is important to note here that information always was passed to General Noriega in memorandum format in Spanish.

At the same time, the Operations Directorate's master information systems were searched for the presence of any unauthorized file holdings on Members of Congress or their staffs. This search produced no such material and reconfirmed that Operations Directorate files are maintained in full conformance with Executive Order 12333 as it relates to U.S. persons. Although CIA's Office of Security does not disseminate information to foreign governments, that office also has reviewed its file holdings and confirmed that they contain nothing not authorized by law.

On 22 February 1988, Mr. Bandon was interviewed by two IG inspectors, in the presence of officials from the U.S. Department of Justice, to try to determine more precisely the nature of his allegations and to seek additional information which might help us in the conduct of our investigation. In summary, Mr. Bandon claimed that primarily during 1984-86 he saw approximately 25 reports which contained unclassified biographic and personal information on Senators and their staffs. In each case, the report was a photocopy or re-type in English - with additional lines in Spanish designating the source as CIA or the National Security Council and identifying the Panamanian officer who had prepared the report.

When asked if the information could have been passed in Washington, Mr. Blandon speculated that the the Panamanian Defense Attache, Lt. Colonel Motta, could have been used as a conduit. However, the Agency is not in contact with Colonel Motta and there is no record or knowledge of any information being passed to Panamanian officials in Washington during the period concerned.

To ensure that the investigation was not confined only to those personnel who may have had contact with General Noriega or limited only to Mr. Blandon's allegations, a memorandum was sent on 3 March 1988 to all CIA Headquarters employees. This memorandum expanded the scope of the investigation to determine whether or not there were any instances of improper recording or passing of information on Members of Congress or their staffs anywhere in the Agency. It stated that passing of information on Members of Congress and their staffs could relate to information that is classified, unclassified or public knowledge and passage could be oral, written, or via third parties. It asked that any employee possessing information which might relate to this investigation should contact a designated directorate focal point or the Office of the Inspector General.. At the same time, the Inspector General sent a "worldwide" cable with the same message to all CIA foreign and domestic field elements. Neither effort produced any evidence which would support Mr. Blandon's statements.

In summary, Mr. Blandon claims to have seen reports containing unclassified information on Members of Congress and their staffs, written in English and attributed to CIA and/or the National Security Council. An Agency-wide fact finding investigation conducted by the CIA Inspector General has surfaced no information which would indicate that the reports were provided by CIA or any of its personnel.

In conclusion, in your letter you mentioned that you have received reports from other sources which parallel Mr. Blandon's testimony with regard to CIA furnishing similar information on other Senators. Because I take such charges very seriously, I would appreciate any additional specific information you can share with me for follow-up by the CIA Inspector General.